

SENATE RESOLUTION 31
By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Michael Fingerle and the 1995 Chattanooga Christian School boys' cross-country team on winning the state championship.

WHEREAS, steeped in tradition, cross-country running (long-distance running over open country), is a demanding sport which requires tremendous physical stamina; and

WHEREAS, the 1995 Chattanooga Christian School boys' cross-country team has posted a very memorable season by winning the state championship; and

WHEREAS, the success was an important milestone in C.C.S history because it was the school's first state championship (in any sport) and came during the twenty-fifth anniversary of the school; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team also had its best performance ever in a meet, with a convincing win of 66 points over second-place Memphis University School; and

WHEREAS, the team was expertly coached by highly respected **Coach Michael Fingerle**, who has coached C.C.S since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the team's success was due to the exceptional running of junior **Ryan Piersant**, who ran the three-mile course in 16 minutes to place fourth overall; freshman **Kurt Morris**, who finished sixth overall and junior **Jordan Ross**, who finished eleventh overall, qualifying them for all-state awards; and

WHEREAS, the other team members who competed at the state level were: seniors **Gene Nelson** and **Steve Zehnder** and juniors **David Dennison** and **Greg Workman**; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor this exemplary group of gifted athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Coach Michael Fingerle and the 1995 Chattanooga Christian School boys' cross-country team on winning the state championship and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and the above named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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